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1. REF A STATES A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THE TABLING
OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS FOR THE EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN
PARTICIPANTS MAY HELP ADVANCE THE DATA DISCUSSION
WITH THE EAST.

2. HOWEVER, I AGREE FULLY WITH PARA 5, REF B THAT
THE US SHOULD NOT PRESS THE ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE.
IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT FURTHER DISAGGREGATION
OF DATA WILL ACTUALLY REVEAL THE REASONS WHY EASTERN
TABLED FIGURES ARE SO MUCH LOWER THAN OUR ESTIMATES
OF THEIR DATA. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRG, BELGIUM

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AND ITALY ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT ONCE NATIONAL
SUB-TOTALS BECOME PART OF THE NEGOTIATION, WE SHALL
BE ON THE "SLIPPERY SLOPE" TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS.
THE OTHER SIDE'S PURPOSE IN PROPOSING THE TABLING
OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS MAY WELL BE TO TRY TO TURN
THE NEGOTIATION DOWN THIS AVENUE. OPPOSITION TO
NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS IS OF COURSE A MATTER OF UTMOST
IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG. AT A TIME OF DIFFICULTY WITH
THE FRG ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OUTSIDE MBFR, WE
SHOULD NOT EXACERBATE THE SITUATION BY TAKING A

LEADING ROLE REGARDING THE TABLING OF NATIONAL
SUB-TOTALS.

3. I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE US-FRG
BILATERAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK, THE US SHOULD DO NO
MORE THAN RAISE THE QUESTION AND HEAR WHAT
COMMISSIONER RUTH HAS TO SAY. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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